

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed on April 8, 2005.

Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 16 and 19-26 are allowed and that Claim 32, which depends from independent Claim 27 and dependent Claim 31, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants amend independent Claim 27 to include the limitations of Claim 32 and intervening Claim 31. As depending from allowable Claim 27, Claims 28-30 and 33-34 are also allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Various rejections were made under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants have cancelled the remaining claims, which were not identified above as being allowed or allowable. Accordingly, only allowed and allowable claims remain and the rejections are moot. Favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully requests full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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